

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

3:27 p.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Polidori moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 21, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative VanderVeen**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Stahl laid **SB 1128** before the committee:

SB 1128	Garcia	Family law; child custody; modification of child support assessment for certain military personnel; provide for.
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TESTIMONY

Senator Garcia, sponsor of SB 1128, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Ron Hicks, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Jason Bottomley, representing himself, submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

Representatives Hoogendyk and **Clack** offered the following amendments to **SB 1128**:

1. Amend page 2, line 20, by striking out all of subdivision **(B)** and relettering the remaining subdivision.

2. Amend page 3, following line 1, by inserting:

“(D) SCHEDULE A MEETING BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO BE HELD UPON THE PAYER’S RETURN FROM EMERGENCY MILITARY SERVICE TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE OVER WHETHER THE ADJUSTMENT SHOULD BE SET ASIDE OR MODIFIED. IF THE PARTIES CANNOT REACH AGREEMENT, THE FRIEND OF THE COURT SHALL PROCEED UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) OR (B).”

3. Amend page 3, line 4, after **“RESOLVED”** by inserting **“OR UNTIL 35 DAYS AFTER THE PAYER’S EMERGENCY MILITARY SERVICE ENDS, WHICHEVER IS SOONER”**.

Representative Polidori moved to adopt the amendments. The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to report **SB 1128** with recommendation, as amended. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair
House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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21 Minutes